

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-64 (canceled):

Claim 65 (previously presented): Primary composition for oral use comprising a mixture of (i) at least one lipophilic bioactive compound and (ii) a whey protein in an amount effective to increase the bioavailability of the lipophilic bioactive compound.

Claim 66 (previously presented): Primary composition according to claim 65, wherein the lipophilic bioactive compound is obtained, extracted, enriched or purified from a plant, microorganism, yeast or product of animal origin.

Claim 67 (previously presented): Primary composition according to claim 66, wherein the plant is tomatoes, soya, green tea, green coffee beans, spices, grapes, cocoa, ginger or cereals.

Claim 68 (previously presented): Primary composition according to claim 66, wherein the microorganism is any type of bacterium which produces a lipophilic bioactive compound.

Claim 69 (previously presented): Primary composition according to claim 66, wherein the yeast is a yeast which produces a lipophilic bioactive compound.

Claim 70 (previously presented): Primary composition according to claim 66, wherein the product of animal origin is chosen from the group consisting of a liver extract and a milk fraction.

Claim 71 (previously presented): Primary composition according to claim 66, wherein the lipophilic bioactive compound is a carotenoid, polyphenol, lipophilic vitamin, flavonoid, isoflavone, curcuminoid, ceramide, proanthocyanidin, terpenoid, sterol, phytosterol, sterol ester, tocotrienol, squalene, or retinoid, alone or as a mixture.

Claim 72 (previously presented): Primary composition according to claim 65, wherein the lipophilic bioactive compound is a tomato extract, a soybean extract or a mixture thereof.

Claim 73 (previously presented): Primary composition according to claim 65, in the form of a powder, gel or liquid and which further comprises at least one of vitamin C or tocopherol.

Claim 74 (previously presented): Primary composition according to claim 65, which further comprises at least one of an emulsifier, a stabilizer or another additive.

Claim 75 (previously presented): Primary composition according to claim 65, wherein the lipophilic bioactive compound is present in an amount of about 0.05 to 50% by weight of the composition and the whey protein is present in an amount of about 5 to 90% by weight of the composition.

Claim 76 (previously presented): Primary composition according to claim 75, wherein the whey protein and lipophilic bioactive compound are present in a weight ratio of about 1:1 to 500:1.

Claim 77 (canceled):

Claim 78 (previously presented): Oral composition comprising the primary composition according to claim 65 in a foodstuff, in a food supplement or in a pharmaceutical preparation.

Claim 79 (previously presented): Oral composition according to claim 78, wherein the foodstuff is a yogurt, a liquid drink, a chocolate containing product, an ice cream, cereal, coffee or animal food.

Claim 80 (previously presented): Oral composition according to claim 78, wherein the food supplement further comprises at least one of a sweetener, a stabilizer, a flavoring or a colorant and is provided in the form of sugar-coated tablets, pills, gelatin capsules, a syrup, a gel or a cream.

Claim 81 (previously presented): Oral composition according to claim 78, wherein the content of the primary composition is between about 0.001 and 100% by weight of the oral composition.

Claim 82 (previously presented): Oral composition according to claim 81, wherein the content of the primary composition is between about 10 and 50% by weight of the oral composition.

Claims 83-85 (canceled):

Claim 86 (previously presented): The primary composition according to claim 72, wherein the lipophilic bioactive compound is present in an amount of about 0.05 to 50% by weight of the composition and the whey protein is present in an amount of about 5 to 90% by weight of the composition and wherein the whey protein and the lipophilic bioactive compound are present in a weight ratio of about 1:1 to 500:1.

Claim 87 (previously presented): Oral composition comprising the primary composition according to claim 86, in a foodstuff, in a food supplement or in a pharmaceutical preparation.

Claim 88 (previously presented): Oral composition according to claim 87, wherein the foodstuff is a yogurt, a liquid drink, a chocolate containing product, an ice cream, cereal, coffee or animal food, or the pharmaceutical preparation is provided in the form of sugar-coated tablets, pills, gelatin capsules, a syrup, a gel or a cream.

Claim 89 (previously presented): Oral composition according to claim 88, wherein the food supplement further comprises at least one of a sweetener, a stabilizer, a flavoring or a colorant.

Claim 90 (currently amended): Primary composition for oral use comprising a mixture of (i) at least one lipophilic bioactive compound and (ii) a whey protein in an amount effective to increase the bioavailability of the lipophilic bioactive compound, wherein the lipophilic bioactive compound is present in an amount of about 0.05 to 50% by weight of the composition and the whey protein is present in an amount of about 5 to 90% by weight of the composition and wherein the whey protein and the lipophilic bioactive compound are present in a weight ratio of about 1:1 to 500:1.

Claim 91 (previously presented): Oral composition comprising the primary composition according to claim 90, in a foodstuff, in a food supplement or in a pharmaceutical preparation.

Claim 92 (previously presented): Oral composition according to claim 91, wherein the foodstuff is a yogurt, a liquid drink, a chocolate containing product, an ice cream, cereal, coffee or animal food, or the pharmaceutical preparation is provided in the form of sugar-coated tablets, pills, gelatin capsules, a syrup, a gel or a cream.

Claim 93 (previously presented): Oral composition according to claim 92, wherein the food supplement further comprises at least one of a sweetener, a stabilizer, a flavoring or a colorant.